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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MASAKI NAKANO, ET AL.

Application No.: 10/626,723

Filed: July 25, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed Japanese documents are also enclosed.

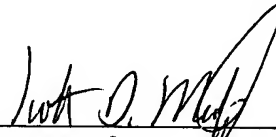
The concise explanations of relevance for the non-English documents are provided in the Description of Related Art section of the specification.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

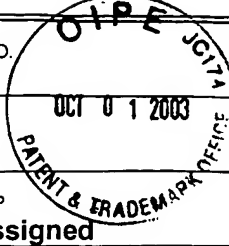


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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS								
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		5,613,103	03/1997	Nobutani, et al.	395	501		
		6,473,088	10/2002	Matsumoto, et al.	345	530		
		6,538,675	03/2003	Aratani, et al.	345	856		
		2001/0055029	12/2001	Nakajima, et al.	345	629		
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT	
		7-199889	08/1995	Japan			Abstract	
		2000-227775	08/2000	Japan			Abstract	
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)								
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